

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph [0006] of the published specification as follows:

The MPEG-7 standard is composed of a plurality of parts. Part 1, the MPEG-7 system ((standard number: ISO/IEC 15938-1:2002, title: Information technology--Multimedia content description interface--Part 1: Systems, available at: ISO (<http://www.iso.ch/>) or Japanese Standards Association (<http://www.jsa.or.jp/>)), defines the framework of metadata transmission and accumulation, metadata compression method, and so on.

Please amend paragraph [0064] of the published specification as follows:

FIG. 3 is a diagram showing the configuration of a first embodiment of a content data and metadata transmission/reception system according to the present invention. In this embodiment, a transmitter[.] (TV station) 1 transmits content data (program) and a metadata stream including structured metadata (structured data) about the content data, and a receiver (audience) 3 receives them.

Please amend paragraph [0077] of the published specification as follows:

The transmitter 1 arranges a plurality of fragment data and the corresponding fragment configuration information in an appropriate order to create a metadata stream. The fragment data and the fragment configuration information may be arranged in any order; either the fragment data [[and]] or the fragment configuration information may be mixed or all fragment configuration information is placed first followed by all fragment data. Note that the fragment

data may be arranged in any order but that the fragment configuration information must be arranged in the depth first order or, in the breadth first order, of the nodes in the structured data indicated by the position information included in the fragment configuration information.

Please amend paragraph [0154] of the published specification as follows:

The fragment data and metadata stream temporary storage unit 39, composed, for example, of ~~a memory, a memory~~, temporarily stores the fragment data and metadata streams, received from the metadata stream separator 32a, and the fragment data received from a fragment data and metadata stream separator 40. When the list of IDs of fragment data and metadata streams is requested by the metadata concatenation unit 34c, the fragment data and metadata stream temporary storage unit 39 outputs the list of IDs of stored fragment data and metadata streams to the metadata concatenation unit 34c. When the ID of fragment data or a metadata stream, as well as the fragment data or the metadata stream identified by the ID, is requested from the fragment data and metadata stream separator 40, the fragment data and metadata stream temporary storage unit 39 outputs the fragment data or the metadata stream identified by the ID to the fragment data and metadata stream separator 40 and, at the same time, erases the fragment data and the metadata stream from the memory.